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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

Applicants : Hermann Oppermann, et al.  
Application No. : 09/374,936 Confirmation No. : 4340  
Filed : August 16, 1999  
For : MODIFIED PROTEINS AND DNAs OF THE TGF- $\beta$   
SUPERFAMILY, INCLUDING MODIFIED  
MORPHOGENIC PROTEINS  
Group Art Unit : 1647  
Examiner : Jegatheesan Seharaseyon

New York, New York 10020  
October 8, 2003

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in reply to the June 16, 2003 Office Action in the above identified application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) to extend the time for replying to the Office Action for a period of one month up to and including October 16, 2003.

Appln. No. 09/374,936  
Amendment dated October 8, 2003  
Reply to Office Action of June 16, 2003

Please amend the above application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the  
listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.